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The oral question No 17 by Lord BESSBOROUGH (H-266/76) to the
Commission of the European Communities should read as follows :

Subject : British aerospace, shipbuilding and ship repair industries

Has the Commission studied the Bill reorganising the British aerospace,
shipbuilding and ship repair industries and will the Commission
confirm that the Bill conforms with the provisions of Community law,
and that it does not discriminate against or adversely affect the
industries of other Member States ?

7.2.1977

1. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-214/76)

Subject : Fixed link between the United Kingdom and the Continent

Can the Commission state whether it no longer intends supporting plans for a Channel Tunnel now that the European Investment Bank has granted a loan to British Rail for the purchase of new hydrofoils for the Dover-Calais/Boulogne routes, although some preparatory work has already been done with a view to building a tunnel ?

2. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-218/76)

Subject : Maximizing the benefits of research at Community level

In order to maximize the benefits of research at Community level, is the Commission able on the one hand to set up a rapid and comprehensive information system for the results of research which takes account of technical, social, economic and legal aspects and on the other hand to increase the efficiency of the deliberative and decision-making structures concerned with scientific policy in collaboration with the Community's economic, industrial and commercial experts?

3. Question by Mr JOHNSTON (H-242/76)

Subject : EEC forestry policy

What consultations are being or have been undertaken with a view to working out a common EEC forestry policy and what progress has been achieved ?

4. Question by Mr LAUDRIN (H-243/76)

Subject: GATT

Can the Commission say whether it has had contacts with the new United States administration on the multilateral GATT negotiations and what have been the results?

5. Question by Mr KASPEREIT (H-244/76)

Subject: Relations with Iran

Does the mandate given by the Council to the Commission for a trade and economic cooperation agreement with Iran include directives on the subject of refined petroleum products?

If not, how does the Commission intend to approach this matter and reach agreement with the Iranian authorities?

6. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-246/76)

Subject : Common Sheep Policy

Is it a priority of the new Commission to press for the early adoption of a Common Sheep Policy in the Community ?

7. Question by Mr COINTAT (H-247/76)

Subject: Protection of the American Footwear Industry

In view of the recommendation by the International Trade Commission of the U.S.A. aimed at protecting the American Footwear Industry by introducing tariff quotas, how does the Commission intend to react to this growing tendency towards protectionism in the United States?

8. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-248/76)

Subject: Application of secondary Community legislation

Is the new Commission prepared to supply Parliament with a list of all directives and regulations whose application is behindhand in the Member States?

9. Question by Mr HOWELL (H-249/76)

Subject : 1977 Farm Price proposals

Does the Commission agree that the 1977 Farm Price proposals will be meaningless if the present green currency distortions continue to exist; that there are no common prices, and therefore no real common agricultural policy ?

10. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-250/76)

Subject : Negotiations between the Commission and the Peoples Republic of China

What progress has been made in negotiations between the Commission and the Peoples Republic of China for the achievement of a Trade Agreement ?

11. Question by Mr EVANS (H-251/76)

Subject : "Sail for Europe"

What advantages will result for the citizens of Europe as a result of the expenditure on this project ?

12. Question by Mr HERBERT (H-252/76)

Subject : Transport in peripheral regions

Will the Commission consider the introduction of special subsidies for the transport of goods from regions of the Community to offset their remoteness from the market place ?

13. Question by Mr YEATS (H-253/76)

Subject : Burden of taxation on newspapers

Will the Commission as a matter of urgency draw up proposals to relieve newspapers of the excessive burden of Value Added Tax, which in many cases endangers their continued existence, and makes more difficult their essential task in a democratic society of informing and educating the public ?

14. Question by Mr NOE (H-256/76)

Subject: Agronomic research

Would the Commission provide Parliament with details of the progress made in the work provided for by the regulation on the coordination of agricultural research (EEC) (No. 1728/74)¹ and in particular on the stage reached in drawing up the inventory of agricultural research projects provided for therein and does the Commission intend to allow the Member States access to it and, finally, does it intend to use the software employed in this work in other sectors?

¹ OJ No. L 182, 5.7.1974, p. 1

15. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-261/76)

Subject : Child labour in Southern Italy

Will the Commission publish the report of the enquiry set up as a result of my Question during Question Time on 12 January 1977 regarding the buying and selling of child labour in Southern Italy?

16. Question by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI (H-263/76)

Subject : Construction of a radioactive waste dump in the canton of Ticino

What action does the Commission propose to take to protect a Community Member State - namely Italy - in the face of the projected construction of a radioactive waste dump in the canton of Ticino, which could have disastrous and unforeseeable consequences on the adjacent hydrogeological basin, affecting Italian territory?

17. Question by Lord BESSBOROUGH (H-266/76)

Subject : British aerospace, shipbuilding and ship repair industries

Has the Commission studied the Act reorganising the British aerospace, shipbuilding and ship repair industries and will the Commission confirm that the Act conforms with the provisions of Community law, and that it does not discriminate against or adversely affect the industries of other Member States?

18. Question by Mr NYBORG (H-269/76)

Subject: State aid to the shipbuilding industry

Following its enquiries into the credits extended by Italy to the USSR in connection with the sale of three ships, is the Commission now contemplating invoking the procedures provided for under Article 93 of the EEC Treaty to prevent distortion of competition in the shipbuilding sector?

19. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-271/76/Rev.)

Subject: Belgrade meeting

Will the Commission take part in the preparations for and the work of the Belgrade meeting on 15 June 1977 provided for in the final Helsinki Agreement, and if so to what extent?

20. Question by Mr DYKES (H-275/76)

Subject : Community Statistics

Why does the "Statistical programme of the European Communities 1977-1979" not contain any reference to the publication of a users' guide to Community statistics, listing publications and contact points for specific enquiries?

21. Question by Sir Geoffrey de FREITAS (H-180/76)

Subject : Direct Elections

What is the present state of ratification by Member States of the Act providing for direct election of the European Parliament ?

22. Question by Sir Peter KIRK (H-274/76)

Subject : Preparations for direct elections of the
European Parliament

What progress can the President report from individual Member States about preparations for direct elections in May 1978?

23. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-262/76)

Subject : European driving licences

Will the Council consider within the first six months of 1977, with a view to its adoption, the Commission's amended proposal for a Directive on the harmonization of the laws relating to vehicle driving licences, on which the European Parliament gave a favourable opinion in September 1976 (1) ?

(1) O.J. nr. C 238, 11.10.1976, page 43

24. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-267/76)

Subject: Japanese steel exports to the EEC

Having regard to the renewal of the arrangement between the ECSC and the major Japanese iron and steel firms to limit steel exports to the EEC, what proportion of such exports will not be controlled owing to the fact that small and medium-sized undertakings are not parties to the agreement, notably as regards certain types of steel whose sale in Europe is especially sensitive? Could the Council state what action it proposes to take to supplement the arrangement reached?

25. Question by Mr NYBORG (H-270/76)

Subject: Accession of Greece to the EEC

When does the Council expect Greek membership of the EEC to become a reality?

26. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-272/76)

Subject : Meeting of the Council of Environment Ministers

Will there be a meeting of the Council of Environment Ministers before the end of June 1977 ?

27. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-273/76)

Subject : Energy and Fuel Oil recommendations of the OECD

What urgent action does the Council intend to take to implement the Energy and Fuel Oil recommendations of the OECD on 27 January 1977, in conjunction with OECD member countries and within the European Economic Community ?

28. Question by Mr DYKES (H-276/76)

Subject : Exchange Rate Stability

What progress has the Council of Finance Ministers made in establishing the contribution the Community can make to greater exchange rate stability?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

29. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-241/76)

Subject : Voting by the Nine at the UN

At the United Nations on 20 December 1976, five of the nine Member States voted in favour of a resolution concerning Rhodesia, but Belgium, France, the Federal Republic and the United Kingdom abstained. Why did the Conference once again fail in this case? And to take another specific case: what is the situation as regards the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Member States of the Nine and Cambodia ?

30. Question by Mr SPICER (H-255/76)

Subject : Relations with Cyprus

What policy approach does the Conference of Foreign Ministers have in relation to the problem of Cyprus ?

31. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-258/76)

Subject : Anti-terrorist campaign

Is the Conference satisfied with the way in which signatories to the European anti-terrorism convention are observing its terms; has the Conference noted the almost universal condemnation of the release of Abu Daoud by the French authorities and does the Conference not agree that this was a blatant contravention of the convention ?

32. Question by Lord St. OSWALD (H-259/76)

Subject : Relations with Mozambique

What relations or contacts has the Community with FUMO (the United Democratic Front of Mozambique) and the Mozambique Government in Exile which it has established in Paris under the premiership of the distinguished African lawyer, Dr. Domingos Arouca; in particular, are these relations or contacts closer or looser than those with SWAPO, or of similar nature ?